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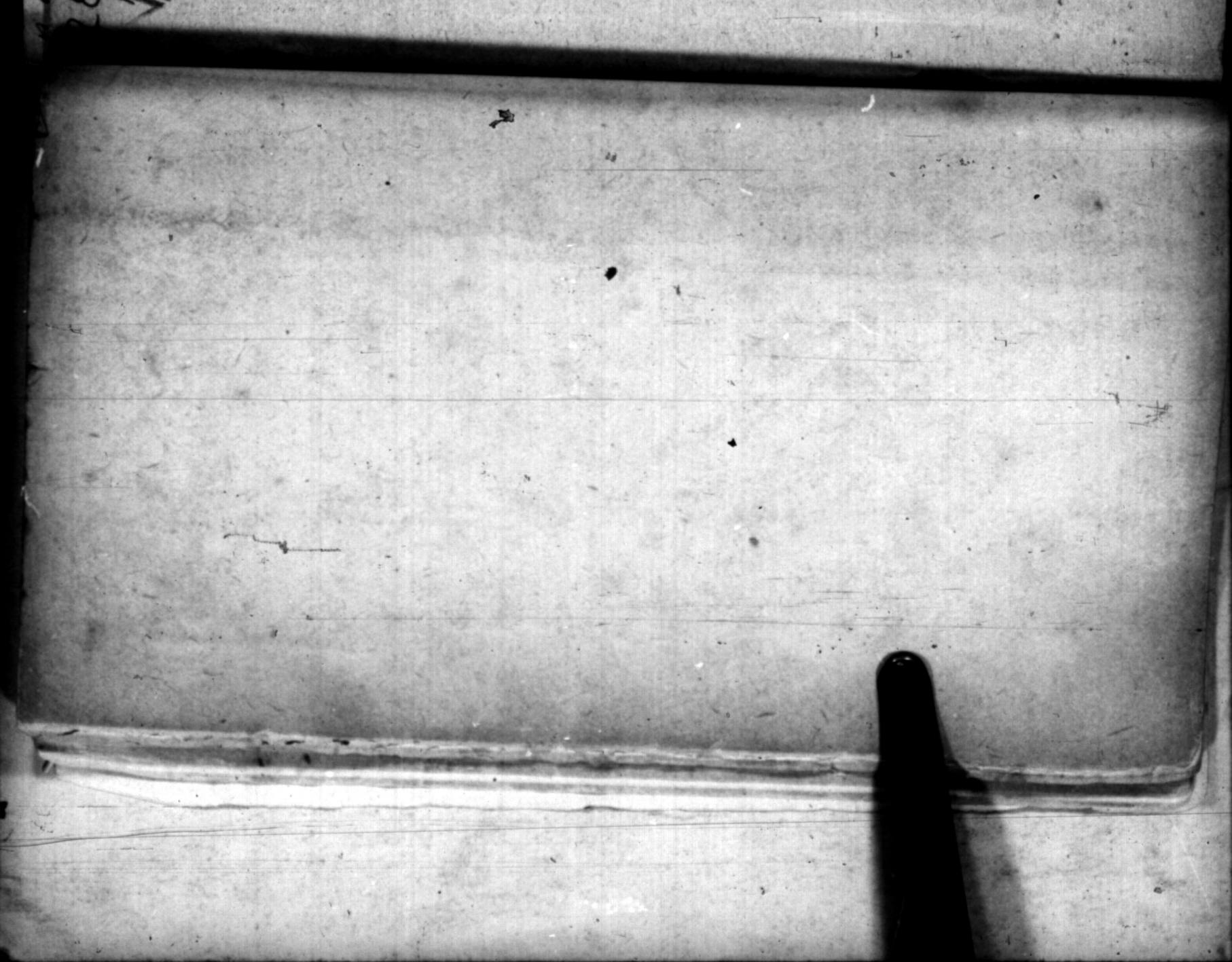

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# Mississippi Baptist

# ASSOCIATION,

## 92 ANNUAL SESSION.

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Smithdale,
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# MINUTES

OF THE

# MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

In its Ninety-Second Anunal Session, Held With Ebenezer Baptist Church Amite County, Miss,, November, 25th, 26th and 27th, A. D. 1898.

OFFICERS:

E. A. BATES, MODERATOR, Bates Mill, Miss.
E. GARDNER, CLERK, Smithdale, Miss.
T. J. HEWITT, TREASURER, Smithdale, Miss.

ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON.—E. Gardner.
ALTERNATE.—J. H. Lane.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

PLACE—Bethlehem, Amite county, Miss.
TIME—Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October 1899.

1898:
SEMI-WEEKLY GAZETTE,
MAGNOLIA, MISS.

# PROCEEDINGS.

## First Day.—Morning Session.

Ebenezer Church, Amite Co. Miss., Nov. 25, 1898.

The Mississippi Baptist Association met this day in its ninety-second annual session, with Ebenezer church, Amite county.

After preaching by T. C. Schilling, the Association was called to order by the former moderator, E. A. Bates.

T. C. Schilling and W. I. Causey were appointed reading clerks.

The church roll was called and letters were read and their delegates seated.

Bethel—L. T. Neyland.

Bethlehem—J. J. Travis, E. C. Lea.

Ebenezer—T. Lansdell, W. B. Kinnabrew, E. W. Roark.

Eastfork—E. A. Bates, Quin Turner, W. K. Anderson.

Galilee—E. B. McLain, J. P. Culpepper.

Liberty—J. D. Lea, W. H. Webb.

Mars Hill—E. Gardner, T. J. Hewett, H. L. Magee.

Mt. Olive—P. R. Bolls.

New Providence—W. I. Causey, W. D. Hazlewood.

New Zion—R. J. Stewart.

Mt. Zion—No letter, J. E. Lowe.

Gillsburg—T. C. Schilling, John Reynolds.

On motion A. V. Rowe was received as a messenger from the Convention Board.

On motion E. H. Garner was received as a messenger from Carey Association.

Gillsburg presented a petitionary letter and on motion was received into the Mississippi Association.

On motion the former officers were re-elected by acclamation, as follows: E. A. Bates, moderator. E. Gardner clerk, and T. J. Hewett, treasurer.

Adjourned for one hour.

FIRST DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator.

On Mississippi College—J. P. Culpepper.

Ministerial Education—W. B. Kinnabrew.

Temperance—W. I. Causey.

Work Among the Negroes—J. E. Lowe, L. T. Neyland.

Religious Literature—Thomas Lansdell, J. D. Lea.

Sunday Schools—E. W. Roark.

Pastoral Support—On motion E. A. Bates and W. I. Causey were appointed on this Committee.

Missions—J. E. Lowe, J. P. Culpepper.

Discipline—R. J. Stewart, E. H. Garner.

Plan of Work—E. B. McLain, E. C. Lea.

Baptist Orphanage—T. C. Schilling, W. H. Webb.

Finance—H. L. Magee, Quin Turner, W. D. Hazlewood.

Ministers Relief Fund—R. D. J. Smith, J. J. Travis.

Woman's Work—W. K. Anderson, E. C. Lea.

Nomination—T. J. Hewett, J. J. Travis.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Ebenezer Church.

On motion Saturday 10 a. m. was set for the report on missions.

On motion R. J. Stewart and E. A. Bates were seated as delegates from the Sunday school Convention.

On motion Saturday 11 a. m. was set for the Associational sermon.

Correspondence was called for and the following messengers were appointed.

Union Association—J. E. Lowe.

Carey Association—R. J. Stewart, J. P. Culpepper, J. E. Lowe.

South Mississippi Association—P. P. McCoy, W. K. Anderson.

State Convention—R. J. Stewart, J. P. Culpepper, E. B. McLain, J. E. Lowe, T. C. Schilling.

On motion J. P. Culpepper was appointed, as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention with T. C. Schilling alternate.

Colored Homochitto Association—W. B. Kinabrew.

Adjourned until 9:30 Saturday.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION.

Report on Missions read by A. V. Rowe and adopted by the association. Appendix A.

Associational sermon by J. P. Culpepper.

On motion 2:30 p. m. was set for report on Discipline.

W. I. Causey read the report on Temperance which was adopted.

J. E. Lowe read a paper on intoxicants which was on motion added to the report on Temperance. Appendix B.

Adjourned for one hour.

SECOND DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises by R. J. Stewart.

The following reports were read and adopted by the Association.

Religious Literature—By Thomas Lansdell. Appendix C.

Discipline—By R. J. Stewart. Appendix D.

Ministers Relief Fund—By R. D. J. Smith. Appendix E.

Work Among the Negroes—By J. E. Lowe. Appendix F.

Plan of Work—By E. C. Lea. Appendix G.

Baptist Orphanage—T. C. Schilling. Appendix H.

Mississippi College—By J. P. Culpepper. Appendiv I.

Pastoral Report—By E. A. Bates. Appendix J.

Finance—By H. L. Magee. Appendix N.

The Treasurer made his report and on motion it was adopted. Appendix O.

On motion the clerk was allowed twenty dollars for his services and instructed to call on the treasurer for that amount.

Adjourned until 10 a. m. Sunday.

THIRD DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by E. H. Garner.

The committee on Nominations, T. J. Hewitt and J. J. Travis, reported and the report was amended and adopted as follows. The next meeting of the association to be held at Bethlehem church, E. Gardner to preach the Associational sermon with J. H. Lane alternate.

The committee on Religious exercises recommended that a Sunday school Mass meeting be conducted at 10 a. m. Sunday by E. H. Garner. Preaching at 11 by A. V. Rowe, and preaching by E. Gardner at 2 p. m.

Report on Sunday schools read by E. W. Roark, and adopted by the association. Appendix M.

On motion T. C. Schilling, W. B. Kinabrew and W. I. Causey were appointed as delegates to the Sunday School Convention of the Mlssissippi Association.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by W. B. Kinabrew and adopted by the Association. Appendix K.

The report on Woman's Work was read by W. K. Anderson, and adopted by the Association. Appendix L.

On motion the Moderator was requested to appoint a committee on Apportionment, said committee to be from East Fork church. The Moderator appointed J. H. Lane and W. Everett. On motion the clerk was added to this committee.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to Ebenezer church and community for their kindness during the sitting of this body.

On motion it was agreed not to have the intended service on Sunday afternoon.

On motion the officers of the Association were empowered to change the time or place of next meeting if circumstances should render a change necessary.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Bethlehem church on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October.

After adjournment A. V. Rowe preached and took up a collection for missions.

E. A. BATES, MODERATOR,

E. GARDNER, CLERK.

# APPENDICES.

## A.—REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Baptists of the South prosecute the work of evangelization of the world in the three departments of State missions, Home missions, and Foreign missions. We must not forget the fact that the great thought underlying these three departments of work, is one and the same, voiced in the strong, terse and chigrommatic language of our Lord: "The field is the world." For convenience of work as well as more thorough organization in effective work we divide the subject as above.

In our State Convention the great question of missions is entrusted to the management of the Convention Board, whose secretary represents all these great departments before our people. It is gratifying to report that in spite of hard times, our people's interest in the cause of missions is manifested by constantly increasing contributions.

In State Missions the Convention Board shows an expenditure of close to $10,000 a year. The number of missionaries, 88; stations, 131; sermons, 4,280; baptized, 426; baptized by others where missionaries labored, 520; by letter, 446; restoration, 65; churches organized, 7; Sunday schools, 36; houses of worship commenced, 17; houses of worship finished, 4; amount expended on houses of worship, $8,000.00.

We would urge that the request for enlarged contributions be heeded by all the pastors and churches. There is much for us to do; we must hold the strategic points already occupied, and be ready also to take and hold other important points. There are fields to be occupied in every section of the state, but we would call especial attention to the Delta, Gulf Coast, and the Carey Association.

In the report of Home Board of Southern Baptist Convention, is shown $54,251.04 expended last year, of which Mississippi gave $2,400.00 in cash, and about $900.00 in

boxes of goods sent to frontier missionaries.

Number of missionaries employed, 4,397; number of additions, 9,509. We are asked for $5,000.00 this year.

The Foreign Mission Board reported 76 missionaries and 176 native asistants, laboring in six different countries viz: Mexico, Brazil and Italy, China, Africa and Japan. There are in these fields: Churches, 102; members, 4,760; baptized last year, 701; native preachers, 41.

Southern Baptists gave to Foreign Missions last year $124,249.69, of which Mississippi gave $7,192.41. We are asked for $7,500.00 this year.

JNO. P. CULPEPPER,
J. E. LOWE.

## B.—REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance would respectfully submit that while the continued efforts of Baptists and all Christian people have accomplished much in abating the evils of intemperance, through their influence on the legislation of the country and in educating the popular sentiment to that point where the habitual use of intoxicants is not tolerated, still there is much to accomplish both in legislation and in educating the people to a still further degree of intolerance of the evil. We do not wish to be understood as favoring the intermeddling of the church in state or political affairs, but we believe that the fact should be kept constantly before our people, that it is only through the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ that governmental methods are purified; and to enjoin the members of the churches of our Association to be unrelaxing in their efforts until the use and sale of intoxicants is suppressed to that extent when it can no longer be considered an evil.

Respectfully submitted,
W. I. CAUSEY.

Intoxicanting liquor is the fine blood of the gambler; the element of the burglar, the prop of the highwayman; and support of the midnight incendiary. It burns up men consumes women, detests life, curses God, and despises

heaven. It murders the soul, it is the sum of all villainies, the father of all crimes, the mother of all abominations, the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy.

J. E. LOWE.

## C.—REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee on Religious Literature beg leave to report as follows: Any good physician will tell us that so far as the health of the body is concerned, it is of great importance to eat the proper food. A man by eating improper food may impair his digestion and destroy his health. The same is true in regard to drink. A man may ruin his health and lose his soul by drunkenness. We believe that it is possible by reading some books and papers for a man to improve his mind and morals. If this be true, it is of great importance to be cautious in our reading. The printing press is a great power in our country. It is continually pouring out tons of reading matter, much of which should never come into our homes nor be seen by our children. We love, the most of us, to read, and our children like to read. There is much to read that will do us no harm, but much good. The religious press is now a power, a great power for good. There are hundreds, yes thousands of good books and papers published. Among these we mention first and above all the Holy Bible. For Baptist, this is the first, for them the Bible, and the Bible alone is their rule of faith and practice. Then all books and papers which will help to a better understanding of God's word will be helpful. Experience teaches that the weekly visits of a good religious paper is helpful. It brings so many good things. We think every family ought to have these weekly visits. We heartily recommend to the families of our Association The Baptist, published in Jackson, Miss., and edited by Dr. J. B. Searcy, whose experience, scholarship, and piety will doubtless give one of the best of papers. We also recommend The Foreign Mission Journal publisheed in Richmond Virginia, The Home Field and Orphanage Gem. In our

Sunday schools, we recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention series, also the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS LANSDELL,
J. D. LEA.

## D.--REPORT ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Discipline is education and government. Any and every attempt to apply it without these two purposes in view will prove ineffectual, if not abortive. Discipline is of two kinds, viz: formative and corrective. The first is to instruct and prepare the subjects to be governed; and the second corrects evils and forces the governed into obedience or submission to the power governing. Discipline is the cordial of life to the churches, hence to neglect or refuse it is to sap the life, principle, and produce the present manifest lethargic condition of many of our churches. To be effective and subserve its divine purpose, discipline must be mild, in the spirit of meekness, and unbending, ever having in view the destruction of the flesh and the saving of the soul. We are not left at sea as to the classification of, and the dealing with offenses, or with the offenders. The great Head of the church has left sufficient instruction and admonition in Scripture for our guidance in these. There are two kinds of offences, namely: overt or public, and private. The dealing with these should be as marked or defined as the difference in the offences. A mistake in the diagnosis, or in the application of the remedy will always prove detrimental to both church and members. In 2nd Thes. 3:6-14, and 1st Cor. v:5 is unmistakably set forth the manner of and the purpose for dealing with public offences.

"Now we command you brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which ye received from us." This scripture teaches the church to withdraw from, instead of condoning or excusing for

public offences. As to the purpose see verse 14, "And if any man ebeyeth not our word by this epistle, note that man, that ye have no company with him, to the end he may be ashamed; and yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother." Again 1st Cor. v-5, "In the name of our Lord Jesus, ye being gathered together, and my spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus to deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of our Lord Jesus," For instruction in, and the correction of private offences, we have the Christ rule and guide as in Matt. xviii:-15-16-17, "Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him, alone. If he hears thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established; and if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."

Brethren offended, neglecting and refusing to comply with this scripture, commits a public offence, and should be dealt with accordingly. Your committee believes that discipline is designed first to educate members in their duty to man, church and God, making earnest and loyal workers for Christ. Second, to correct and prohibit evil practices among members and thirdly to maintain life and give vigor to the churches, in all these giving honor to God, and pleasing our Christ.

We therefore recommend to the pastors and churches a more vigorous but mild discipline.

Respectfully submitted.

R. J. STEWART.
E. H. GARNER.

## E.—SUSTENTATION.

Your committee on Sustentation beg leave to make the following report:

We think this an appropriate time to urge the churches, under the stress of financial depression, not to neglect our duty towards the benevolent work within our bounds. That while we as a denomination have been doing something for our orphan asylums, and caring for the needy, we have never done our full duty, in taking care of our ministers, who have given their lives to the Master's cause, and have gone into old age without the necessaries of life. We suggest that where money cannot be given, that our home products be shared with our superanuated ministers of the Gospel.

R. D. J. SMITH,
JNO. TRAVIS, } Com.

## F.—WORK AMONG THE NEGROES.

Your committee would report the following: The cause of Christ demands that we should help the negroes along the line of sound doctrine. The Bible tells us, "We therefore ought to receive such that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth." For the mass of this people are ignorant of the doctrines taught in the word of God. We should preach to them more than we do. We can help their preachers by taking them as Aquilla and Priscilla took Apollos and expounded unto him the "way of the Lord more perfectly." We can do them more good in this way than in any other. Give their preachers these instructions, and they can impart it to their people better than we can. They depend on our faithfulness to impart unto them their great needs. We believe God requires this at our hands at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. LOWE.
L. F. NEYLAND.

## G.—PLAN OF WORK.

We your committee on plan of work would submit the following report:

Recognizing each Baptist church as a separate and independent body of itself, we do not deem it necessary to

suggest set rules for them to be governed by, but insist on pastors studying the interests of their respective churches, and suggest or have enacted into rules what they think will best advance the cause of Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

E. B. McLAIN.
E. C. LEA.

## H.—REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

No object, perhaps, appeals more touchingly to the christian's heart than an orphan child. To see a little child, without father and mother and without the necessary means to raise and educate it, is sad indeed. But this is one of the common afflictions of our great afflicted family. It is proper, therefore, that in our benevolent work this object shall have a place and an interest. Christ Jesus said: "The poor ye have always with you, and whenever ye will ye may do them good."

We now have in our state a Baptist Orphanage, located at Jackson, a charitable institution, and under the control of a board of trustees who are all Baptists. Rev. L. S. Foster, who enjoys the confidence and esteem of Misssissippi Baptists, has charge of the work. The Orphanage has considerable property, viz: Some two hundred acres of land, over one-half of which is in a state of cultivation, and estimated at $13000. There are also two cottages of six rooms each, which together with other improvements, are estimated at $7000. The printing outfit is valued at $1000, making a total of $21000.

Up to the time of the publication of the last annual catalogue, twenty-seven children had received assistance At present there are twenty-one in the Orphanage, several having been adopted by different persons. This is a commendable feature of the Institution, and one we hope will be continued. As opportunities present themselves, let the little ones be put into good houses where they will be properly trained and educated.

We recommend that our Sunday schools, Ladies Aid Societies etc. lend a constant helping hand to Bro. Foster in his work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. SCHILLING. } Com.
W. H. WEBB. }

## I.—MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Mississippi College located at Clinton Mississippi, has long been the pride of Mississippi Baptists. The College has become deeply implanted in hearts and affections of the Baptists of the state. We love the college for the work she has done. It has been her peculiar mission to educate the boys of this and other states, and thus fit them for positions of usefulness. We note with pleasure the coming of President W. T. Lowery to the college this year. He has taken hold of the work with his usual zeal and earnestness, and we shall look for nothing but success to reward his efforts. But he must have the co-operation of the Baptists of the state. The advantages of the college are ; It undertakes in the first place to give its students a thorough education. Her course of study compares favorably with any college in the state, or in the South. This means much in this age when there are so many short cuts at an education. It has been the purpose of the college to educate and develop the whole of the student— the heart with the mind—teaching them that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. In sending your boys to the college you may kuow all the good influences possible will be thrown around them. Let us support the college then with our prayers, our means and our boys. To her we must look for men to fill our pulpits, places of honor and trust. It is our school; we should see to it that it is well cared for, and it will richly repay us in return.

From her halls have gone out men to bless the world, some to preach the gospel in heathen lands, some in the home land, others to remove the burdens of humanity and add to the joys of the world. JNO. P. CULPEPPER.

## J.—PASTORAL REPORT.

Your committee on Pastoral Support, make the following report:

We believe that God calls men to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, that men and women may be saved from eternal death.

We also believe that God has made the support of pastors obligatory on the part of those who profess a believer's faith in the saving power of his Son.

We believe that the men whom God has called to preach his Gospel should educate their members on their duty to their postors. They should teach them that they are not giving for a charitable purpose, but that they are paying an honest debt, the most solemn debt that has, or can be imposed on a regenerated man, or woman. We believe that a church should be very wise in setting apart her deacons, not only for the support of her pastor, but for the general prosperity of the church.

We believe that it requires almost as good material for successful deacons as it does for ministers.

We believe that deacons should be intelligent, consecrated, spiritual minded men. And that each deacon should be assigned a certain part of the church territory in which to work, and they should carefully look after the spiritual and financial interests of their respective territories, and especially should they look after the comfort and support of their pastors.

We further believe that a church should exercise discipline with those who refuse to contribute of their means to support their pastors

E. A. BATES, Chm.

## K.—MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education would report as follows:

The importance of this subject is so self evident that it needs no extended argument to establish it. It is sufficient to call attention to the matter and urge our churches and members to the performance of a known duty.

The leaders and instructors of our churches must of necessity be themselves well instructed. One cannot teach others if he is ignorant. The blind cannot lead the blind. The shepperd cannot lead the flock into green pastures unless he knows where the pastures are and the places of shelter and safety. That uneducated preachers

have in times gone, done much good and built up the cause of Christ, is emphatically true. But these times and conditions have forever passed. In these days of steam, electricity, daily mail, public schools and colleges, the people are becoming better educated and more intelligent, and of necessity, their leaders must be in advance of them.

There is no profession or occupation that needs more thorough and diversified education than that of our preachers.

It is also a fact that God calls most of his preachers from the poor class, just why he does this we need not argue, but we know that Christ while on earth chose his desciples from the poor. This being the case many young men felt themselves called to preach who are unable to educate themselves, and our convention has a board to assist them, and this board appeals to the associations, churches and members to help those who are unable to educate themselves, and there is a good work being done in this way, and we ought to do all we can along this line. At the same time we help to educate these preachers, we are helping to sustain Mississippi college; that grand institution the baptist love so well, and of which we are so proud.

W. B. KINABREW.

## L.—WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee on woman's work, submit the following: We are glad to note that while there is a falling off in receipts of this years' work that our good women have stood by us. And when we consider the low price of cotton, the yellow fever scourge etc. we deem it necessary to congratulate the good sisters for the bold stand they have taken in defence of the cause of Christ. We recommend that the churches and pastors encourage our women by rendering all the assistance possible. 1st, because we believe it is in accordance with the teaching of the New Testament. 2nd, because of their influence for good. 3rd, because we believe in co-operation in the work. May the God of Heaven bless and guide them in the work for Christ sake, Amen.

W. K. ANDERSON.
C. E. LEA.

## M.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

By the Sunday school is meant the place and means of learning God's word. Now in order to learn God's word, it must be studied, and the Sunday school is now employed for this purpose.

In the study of God's word, we do more than simply read it, for we are using his own language, talking to him and learning of him. There is no way by which to learn a lesson so easily as to talk with and commune with them. So it is with the great God whom we ought to love, honor and obey. In the Sunday school, we ought to take God's holy and blessed word, and search eagerly for the blessed truth that is of so much importance to a lost and ruined world. In the Sunday School, at home, or at church, the little ones while their minds are young and tender, and before they have become contaminated with the ways and influences of the world, ought to be gathered and told and brought to understand the old, old Story of the Cross. We are admonished by Holy writ, that "Bring up the child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will depart from it." It is as true now as when first uttered. Here we ought not only read, but learn how to read correctly. Reading and learning is to no purpose if improperly done. Much harm is done the cause of Christ by an imperfect or improper reading of the Bible. But a far greater harm is done when the loss of immortal souls from a failure to read at all. The constant attendance at Sunday school encourages and stimulates Bible reading and furnishes thought and food for the soul. Our spiritual nature is like our physical being, which requires the most tender and perfect care before we are able to care for ourselves. We believe that it cannot be disputed that the patient, earnest, regular Sunday school scholar of today will to-morrow be a true soldier of the cross of our Lord.

In the Sunday school, we get nearer to the story of the cross, and of necessity get nearer to Him who died on the cross. Let us remember that the Lord said "Feed my lambs." Where or how is there a better way to administer this food than at the Sunday school?

E. W. ROARK.

## N.—REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We your committee on Finance beg to make the following report of amounts received, and for the different purposes mentioned:

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| Asssociational purposes | $36 55 |
| State Missions | |
| Home Missions | |
| Missions | 15.05 |
| Ladies Aid Society at Bates mill send for Foreign Missions | 3.00 |
| Total | $57.60 |

We have examined Treasurer's books and find same to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,
H. L. MAGEE.
W. D. HAZLEWOOD.
M. Q. TURNER.

## O.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. J. Hewett in account with Mississippi Baptist Association.

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| Received from Finance Committee for Association purposes | $43.90. | |
| State Missions | 37.35 | |
| Home Missions | 5.00 | |
| Foreign Missions | 12.00 | |
| Received since the Association | 5.85 | $104.10 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid to A. V. Rowe | $54.35 | |
| S. H. Thompson | 2·00 | |
| E. Gardner | 15.00 | |
| Minutes | 27.00 | |
| Money Order | 20 | $98.55 |
| Balance on hand | | 18,30 |

Respectfully submitted,
T. J. HEWITT, Treas.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES | Increase | | | Decrease | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Baptism | By Letter | Restored | Dismissed | Excluded | Dead | Total | No. Minutes | Pastor's Sal. | Missions | Sustentation | Orphanage | Miss. College | Ministerial Help | Sunday School | Print. Minutes | Min. Education | Other Purposes | Total |
| *Bethel | 2 | | | | | 1 | 80 | 10 | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $1 00 | $ | $ | $ 1 00 |
| Bethlehem | 6 | 1 | | 2 | 5 | 1 | 65 | 15 | 125 | 11 20 | | | | 20 00 | | 2 50 | | | 158 70 |
| Ebenezer | 6 | 2 | | 1 | | 2 | 164 | 35 | 200 | 14 00 | | 5 75 | | | | 5 00 | | 20 24 | 245 00 |
| East Fork | 4 | 3 | | | 10 | 2 | 269 | 20 | 300 | 50 00 | | | | | | 2 00 | | | 352 00 |
| Galilee | 18 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 12 | | 207 | 35 | 900 | 85 60 | 13 00 | 12 25 | 39 00 | | 20 40 | 5 00 | | $803. | 1478 25 |
| Gillsburg | 15 | 14 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 89 | 25 | 300 | 46 85 | | 3 00 | 2 50 | 23 25 | | 3 50 | | 21 40 | 405 50 |
| Liberty | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | | 130 | 20 | 150 | 5 50 | 15 00 | 3 25 | 3 10 | | | 2 50 | | 46 53 | 225 90 |
| Mars Hill | 10 | 3 | | 13 | 1 | 1 | 250 | 35 | 350 | 29 90 | 1 50 | 1 50 | | | 6 30 | 5 00 | | 45 65 | 439 85 |
| *Mt. Olive | | | | 11 | 2 | 1 | 71 | 25 | | 20 00 | | | | | | 4 00 | 14 00 | 6 00 | 44 00 |
| *New Providence | | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 107 | 30 | | 5 05 | | | | | | 4 50 | | | 9 55 |

NOTE—The other churches of the Association are found in the Directory, but sent no statistics, and are not named in this table.—Clerk.

LADIES AID SOCIETY—There are several useful Ladies Aid Societies in the Association, but only the following reported: Galilee, Mrs. J. P. Culpepper, President; Mrs. J. V. Ratcliff, Secretary. Contributed to our work, $86.25. Gillsburg, contributed $36.90. Those desiring to organize Ladies Aid Societies, should address Mrs. J. P. Culpepper, Gloster, Miss.

*Pastor's salary not reported.

## DIRECTORY.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS AND P. O. | CLERKS AND P. O. |
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| Beth l | J. J. Walker, Eastfork | R. J. Smith, Street |
| Bethlehem | T. C. Schilling Gillsburg | W. E. Lea, Liberty |
| *Concord | | J. I. Godbold, McCall Creek |
| Ebenezer | T. Lansdale, Olio | R. D. J. Smith, Olio |
| East Fork | J. H. Lane, Eastfork | T. S. Cockerham East Fork |
| Galilee | J. P. Culpepper, Gloster | J. B. Cason, Jr. Gloster |
| Gillsburg | T. C. Schilling, Gillsburg | Chas. Hooper Gillsburg |
| *Hopewell | E Gardner, Smithdale | H. H. Magee, Veto |
| Hebron | J. J. Walker, Eastfork | |
| Liberty | T. C. Schilling, Gillsburg | T. J. Webb, Liberty |
| Mars Hill | J. H. Lane, East Fork | N. L. Walker, ~~Bliss.~~ Auburn |
| Mt. Olive | J. E. Lowe, Smithdale | W. E. Young, Smithdale |
| Mt. Zion | J. E. Lowe, Smithdale | W. H. Cain, Little Springs |
| *Mt. Pleasant | | |
| *New Salem | | |
| New Hope (Frk. | | |
| New Providence | E. Gardner, Smithdale | H. R. Causey, Berwick |
| New Zion | R. J. Stewart, Liberty | Z. E. Nunnery, Nunnery |
| *Ramah | | |
| *Siloam | E. T. Smith Gloster | W. G. Martin, Leaton |
| *Sarepta | | |
| Whitestown | R. J. Boone, Brookhaven | |

* Not represented.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH, RULES, ETC.,
## OF THE
# MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. We believe in only one true living God, and that there is a trinity in persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, are of Divine authority, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, in the imputation of his sins to all his posterity, in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to his people, in the eternal, unconditional election of a definite number of the human family to grace and glory.

5. We believe that sinners are only justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ which is unto all and upon all them that believe.

6. We believe all those who were chosen in Christ, before the foundation of the world are in time, effectually called, regenerated, converted and sanctified, and are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

7. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, are evidences of a gracious state; and that it is the duty of all believers to perform them from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

## Gospel Order.

1. We believe that the visible church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves up to the Lord, and to one another, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church—the only Lawgiver—the government is with the body of the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church.

4. We believe that baptism by immersion is the only Scriptural made, and that believers are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6 We believe it to be the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to baptism by immersion and to give themselves as members to the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every organized church to expel from her communion all disorderly members who are immoral in their lives or hold doctrines contrary to the Scripture.

## Rules of Decorum.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our union shall compose the association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their churches, certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

3. Delegates thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated the "Mississippi Baptist Association."

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the members present.

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5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the union they shall petition by letter and delegates. If on examination, found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received, by the Association, manifested by the Moderator giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. No church in the Union shall have a right to more than two delegates until she shall exceed one hundred members; then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty.

7. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated, and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided, always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded, shall be taken up by the Association except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections on a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association.

12. No brother shall be suffered to whisper or laugh during the Association, neither shall he absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

13. The Moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated, provided the chair may be previously filled, and have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

14. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may deem expedient.

15. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it

may think proper, and send them by their delegates to the Association and all the money thus contributed by the churches, shall be deposited in the hand of the Treasurer, by the Association elected, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the same.

16. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if necessary and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

17. These Rules of Decorum and Gospel Order may be altered, changed or amended from time to time, or any part of them, when a majority of all the churches in the Association, shall deem it necessary, but the Articles of Faith shall not be subject to any alterations, only as respect form.

### Powers of the Association.

1. It shall be the business of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power in difficult matters; to enquire into any difficulties that may exist between sister churches and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the Ministery as associates, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6. This Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which may be unsound in principle, or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their own consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any time and place they may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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